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### REED AN ENIGMA

The junior senator from Missouri is either all right or all wrong. If his position as a member of the banking committee of the senate is taken because he understands the necessities of a currency bill better than anybody and everybody else, and is thoroughly convicted the administration bill contains dangerous provisions, then he is excusable for blocking important legislation and keeping vital financial matters unsettled.

Should it eventually appear that Senators Reed and Hopkins are wiser than all of the other democratic senators and several republican members of the upper house of congress, then indeed will his name be great, but if no material benefit comes of his filibustering, then his constituents in this state as well as interested parties all over the country will be most grievously disappointed in him.

A couple of weeks ago there appeared in the Glasgow Missourian among other papers throughout the country a letter from Senator Reed purporting to explain to the people the reason for his conduct, but which was practically wholly an attack on the St. Louis Republic and D. R. Francis in particular, and all those who did not support him for the senate, in general, and never a word as to his real reason for obstructing currency legislation further than to say that he thought it was well to move in such a matter cautiously and slowly.

Just a few days before the appearance of this letter Senator

Reed caused to be circulated that the President understood him and that there was no friction whatever between him and the administration, yet in his letter above referred to, he slaps at the President by saying that the currency bill was written altogether by a college professor and named him. The author of the bill which passed the house practically unanimously, Carter Glass, chairman of the house currency committee says concerning Mr. Reed's letter that it was obviously to prejudice the measure with those who detest Wall Street influence. Mr. Glass further says, "it might also be retorted that the Missouri senator should not make conveniences of his Wall Street antipathies, applying them when it is sought to discredit the house committee and suppressing them when he gulped down the scheme for his central bank, brought to Washington by Frank A. Vanderlip, with the most extensive Wall Street connection in the world, and Henry Davidson of J. P. Morgan & Co., who figured conspicuously in the money trust investigation."

Senator Reed's declaration in his letter that the house bill which was agreed on as to the main features between the Chairman of the House Banking Committee and President Wilson, was fashioned after the old Aldrich scheme is proven inaccurate by the fact that Aldrich himself at a New York banquet a short time ago made a most vituperative talk on the House measure and characterized it as being socialistic and disastrous. Mr. Glass says further in regard to the letter published by Senator Reed that "some of his assertions are so palpably untrue as to make it difficult to account for them on any theory in the least degree to his credit. Mr. Reed's efforts to make the people of Missouri believe that a haphazard currency bill, repeatedly endorsed by a Democratic President, Democratic

Secretary of the Treasury and a Democratic House of Representatives was bunglingly thrown together and was jammed through to the senate with less consideration and debate than is frequently given to an argument of an important lawsuit, is utterly without foundation in fact. Neither Mr. Reed nor anybody else can confute the assertion that this bill had more thorough preparation and more prolonged consideration than all the currency measures proposed since the adoption of the national bank act 50 years ago." Congressman Glass says further that "Mr. Reed's circular letter is literally saturated with mis-statements of the kind I have indicated." Congressman Glass ends a lengthy discussion and criticism of Senator Reed's manifesto with this paragraph: "I have no desire to question the assumption that there is a sort of supreme dignity that hedges senators about. It is because Senator Reed and Senator Hitchcock have jumped over the hedge and assailed a house currency bill that I take leave to resent and controvert the assertions. I think this much is due from me to the administration and to the 273 democratic congressmen who favor the measure." Senator Stone is supporting the bill.

### WORD TO TEACHERS

The Chariton County Teachers Association will convene at Brunswick November 20-22.

A most excellent program will be rendered by local teachers and educators of state and national reputation educators from St. Louis, Kansas City, Jefferson City and Columbia are on the program.

No teachers can afford to miss this meeting. The progressive teacher is recognized by his or her presence at all such meetings and their willingness to take part in such discussions that will advance the cause of education.

The attendance at this meeting is mandatory on the part of the of the teacher. Neither the school board or county superintendent can excuse a teacher from attending. Section 10834 school laws of Missouri.

However teachers should not attend such meetings because the law requires it, but it is their duty from a standpoint of professional pride, new ideas and methods, new life and spirit are always imparted and thus the teacher returns to her school with a new supply of life to give to her pupils and patrons.

School boards and friends of education should also attend these educational gatherings add co-operate with their teachers in advancing the cause of education. Be progressive.

### Revive School Days

To revive and keep alive the memories of school days and also perpetuate the habit of useful labor or to initiate this kind of work, the young women of this city have organized from the fragments of two clubs of school days the Saturday Afternoon sewing Club which may soon be changed to the Omega Club. The object of the club, as said is to promote the art of plain and fancy sewing and embroidery. The club met at the home of Miss Carrie Wheeler last Saturday and next Saturday meets with Mrs. Frank White. The members number seventeen, the membership being as follows: Mrs. Frank White, Miss Elizabeth White, Miss Carrie Wheeler, Mrs. Warren Elliott, Mrs. Roy Cropper, Mrs. Marvin Drace, Mrs. Ledru Brewer, Mrs. Edgar Wilks, Misses Neta Bayne, Louise Applegate, Ruth and Jo Martin, Myrtle Miller, Rebecca Moore, Leannah Minter, Lois Hancock and Gertie Owens.

Misses Dorothy Wayland and Julia Bess Allega went to Salisbury last Friday and spent the week end with relatives.

### CONVICT PUNISHMENTS

Steve Willis, a convict in the penitentiary was discovered with whiskey and heroin. Enough heroin which is a narcotic from morphine, was found at Willis place in the blacksmith shop to put half of all the convicts to sleep. He refused to tell how he got the dope. The warden had him strung up by the wrists for 20 days and fed on bread and water. At the end of 20 days Willis told the warden that a negro trusty employed in the stables outside the walls gave the stuff to him to sell. The negro, Major Wright, refused to say where he got the "goods" and he was strung up, standing the punishment for only two days, when he revealed the names of outside parties. The punishment consists in putting hand-cuffs on the wrists of the victim, the links being run thru a ring which is high enough to extend the arms above the head tho permitting the convict to stand flat footed on the floor. He can move to right or left a step by stretching a little. The process is a modification of stringing up by the thumbs.

Considerable criticism of the penitentiary authorities was indulged on account of the Willis case, and Warden McClung published a lengthy defense. There is where he made a mistake. No matter if the guards he has chosen are asleep on the job and let such things get by, he is bound to discover in the best way he can how it was managed to so violate the law and prison rules. But will a white man strung up in a very uncomfortable position for 20 days and a negro 2 days, tell the truth, or say just anything to obtain relief. If the party named by the negro is proven guilty, the scheme worked. But whether it was successful or not Warden McClung should employ such means as he deems best for the maintenance of discipline. If he lets any such thing get by for any length of time he is not the man for the place, but he won't.

### A STICK-TIGHT

Harvey Costolo, of McFall, Mo. is in the ring for compliment letters. A week ago he spent the first night away from home since he was married 23 years ago. There are two ways to look at it. If this means that neither he nor his wife were away from home in that time, they must have gotten awfully tired of each other or their affection must have been of the 24-carat variety. Anyhow this is an extreme example but serves to refresh the minds of those marital delinquents who stay away from home every night and leave their wives to amuse themselves as best they can. It looks like Costolo must have overdone it a little, just a little, but there are it is a safe bet, thousands of wives in Missouri who would like to look him in the face and shake his hand for "he's a jolly good fellow" in the best meaning of the term.

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JAMES I. BLAKSLEE

Take notice, everybody.

D. J. Holman, P. M.

R. W. Cropper and William Hamilton went to Abolt in the Cropper car Tuesday morning.

## Say, JOHN!

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### Knockers

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will give it up. The editors ought to give people on the outside a rest about "knocking" and proceed to inventory their own stock of this commodity and get it out of their system by arranging to charge living prices for their work. This sort of knocking is the most disastrous that a newspaper man can experience.

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